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Water Diviner At Work



Water diviner, Mr. Clarrie Smith, points out the spot to sink a bore for water on Grant Reserve to Altona Cricket Club committee-man Jack Dellar (right) and the club secretary, Ron McCullagh.

Altona cricketers, bowlers and golfers have all spent large sums from club funds and much effort and a considerable amount of time in attempts to stop the drought ruining the playing surfaces of their grounds.

A number of bores have been sunk, much pumping equipment, trucks and a water carrier purchased and the services of a water diviner engaged.

There is water on Grant Reserve, where the diviner said it would be found.

But, as yet, the report on tests for its saline content have not been received. Nor has the rate of flow from the bore been ascertained.

Shire engineer, Mr. R. C. Simmons, said that, at this stage, the water appears salty and he does not hold out much hope for it being usable.

Cricketers in Trouble

In serious trouble is the Altona Cricket Club, which plays on Grant Reserve.

As the situation now stands cricketers will be able to only play for another two or three weeks, said club president, Mr. Frank Kirk, earlier this week. He said watering of wickets is permitted between 7 and 8 a.m. on four days each week.

And, at this time of the day, the pressure is so poor that not enough volume of water can be obtained to properly water the turf wickets.

Cracks in Match Wickets

Cracks have already appeared in the special soil used in the making of the match wickets. In an endeavour to make best

use of the limited watering period, \$550 of club funds has been spent on putting down two all-weather wickets to be used for practice, said Mr. Kirk.

The normal practice wickets are not being used and watering of them has stopped. The water is being concentrated on the match wickets.

At a recent meeting the club considered the possibility of sinking a bore on or near the cricket field.

But first it was agreed to engage the services of a water diviner to see if he considered there was any possibility of a flow being found.

Diviner Finds Water

Water diviner, Mr. Clarrie Smith, of Austin-st., Footscray, visited the reserve on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Accompanied by a number of cricketers, he began his survey. Starting from within the northern boundary of the cricket field, the group walked south to Civic-pde., parallel to the street for some distance and then turned north.

All the while Mr. Smith held in front of him his "rod"—a 3ft. length of eight gauge fencing wire.

He had no reaction whatsoever until he was outside the northern boundary of the field when the rod smartly whipped around.

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ROTARY RAFFLES A MINK STOLE

An autumn haze mink stole (valued at \$500) is being raffled by the Rotary Club of Altona to raise funds for community service.

From January 30 the stole will be put on display by Mr. A. Tyrrell, of Frazer's Pharmacy, Pier St., Altona.

Tickets at \$1 each are available at the pharmacy or from any Rotary member.

The winning ticket will be drawn on March 16.

Anton Golacki Jun. Slot Car Champion

Thirteen-year-old Anton Golacki, of Bent-st., is the Altona Junior Slot Car Champion for 1967.

Anton will represent Altona in the Victorian Junior Championships at the Exhibition Buildings tomorrow night, Friday, January 26.

The championship is being run in conjunction with the Hot Rod Show at the Exhibition.

Fifty youngsters competed for the Altona title.

In the series of races held during the school holidays Anton ran out the winner.

He received a trophy and two slot cars.

The winner of the Victorian title will receive a handsome trophy, a coloured photograph of the presentation which will probably be covered by television.

VIC. WINS JUNIOR TENNIS TITLE

Western Suburbs, representing Victoria (370 games) defeated New South Wales (344 games) and South Australia (291 games) in the Interstate Junior Triangular Competition held at Albury on January 6 and 7.

Michael Kelly, of Altona Tennis Club, was captain and No. 1 boy of the Victorian team.

This is the third year Michael has been selected for the Victorian team.

In the only event entered by Michael in the school children's tournament at Kooyong (the under 19's singles), he was defeated by a Linton Cup player in the quarter finals.

FAREWELL SERVICE

A special Communion and Confirmation Service will be held next Sunday, January 28, in the Presbyterian Church, 241 Civic-pde., Altona, at 9.15 a.m. only.

This will be the last Service conducted by the Rev. John Haysey before he and his family leave for their new Parish of Mentone.

Members are also reminded that this will be morning tea day and all are asked to stay behind for a few minutes for a cup of tea.

The Rev. A. I. Absalom, the minister of St. Stephen's, North Williamstown, has been appointed Interim-Moderator during the vacancy of the Parish, and any persons desiring to contact a minister on any matter are asked to approach Mr. Absalom, 144 Melbourne-rd., North Williamstown, or phone 397-5473. Local contact can be made through the Session Clerk, Mr. Frank Thorpe, 30 Belmar-ave., Altona.

PLAY CENTRES POPULAR



The shire president, Cr. H. W. Lee, gives words of encouragement to one of the teams pulling away in a tug-of-war contest at the play centre on Langshaw Reserve. The two play centres—the other at the Altona Youth Hall—which have been operating during the school holidays, will close at the end of this week.

EDITORIAL

GOOD NEIGHBOURS AND GOOD AUSTRALIANS

It was appropriate that the annual citizenship convention was held at this time.

For the objectives of this convention—the encouraging of assimilation of all migrants in Australia should be the aim of every Australian citizen.

On Australia Day we recall the past, the Good Neighbour Council is making a worthy contribution to the present and the future of our community.

For in every sense a good neighbour is a good Australian.

Any positive actions to make migrants feel at home is good and concerted action to that end is most desirable in Altona where the number of newcomers is so high.

Not that such gestures are confined to members of the Good Neighbour Council. Anyone can, and we hope, will lend a helping hand at the right time.

And, even if not openly reciprocated, language difficulties, lifelong habits, new circumstances and innate diffidence are not easily overcome.

Above all there is a call for sympathy and understanding. These newcomers are people like ourselves. They have their memories, their sorrows and their joys. They like us, are looking for a better life.

Let us go forward together.

WATER DIVINER AT WORK

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Instead of pointing straight ahead it was pointing away to the side of Mr. Smith.

Quickly establishing the direction of the "stream"—running east and west between the new and old football ovals—Mr. Smith set about discovering the narrowest width of the stream.

At this point, he considered there would be the greatest flow from a bore.

He pin-pointed a spot near the end of the cyclone wire fence which stops close to where the old changing rooms once stood.

"Sink your bore here," said Mr. Smith.

After further tests he said water would be found approximately 30ft. below the surface.

Many Successes at Finding Water

In his 40 years of divining Mr. Smith said he has had many successes.

His interest was first aroused when working a chaff cutting plant on a farm. The farmer asked him if he could divine water and went on to explain its mysteries to Mr. Smith.

The art of divining seems to run in the family, said Mr. Smith, who has taught it to his grandchildren.

Shire Engineer Starts Drilling

Mr. Smith's findings were referred by the cricket club to Mr. Simmons (shire engineer).

It was decided to bore a hole at the site last Friday. Engineering staff drilled a hole 12in. in diameter, but a layer of fine silt kept caving into the hole. A layer of clay was reached and the hole was 16ft. deep.

Drilling with an auger was stopped and in its place a solid rod was sunk to a depth of 23ft. where it struck rock.

A spear end on a length of pipe was inserted, but the engineering staff were puzzled by the failure to pump water.

It was found that the fine mesh bottom of the spear was coated with the fine silt and clay and not allowing water through. Work stopped for the day.

On Monday of this week the spear was pulled out and cleaned.

After again sinking it into the bore, but only to a depth of 16ft. this time, the same trouble arose from silt and clay.

The hole was abandoned. Next day the spear was pushed into solid earth beside the hole to a depth of 8ft. and a bed of clay.

Mr. Simmons said water could be seen down the hole, but from a sample taken it seemed very saline.

Water Available, But

Water is available at a shallow depth, said Mr. Simmons.

But he warned that it appears salty and he does not hold out much hope for its usefulness.

The Board of Works has drilled a number of test bores from the top of Civic-pde., around the swamp to the treatment plant and all the water encountered there is salty, said Mr. Simmons.

The only successful bores in Altona, he added, appear to be those in the really sandy area close to the beach where small quantities of water are being found at 10-12 feet and it is usable for private gardens.

Water Flows at Golf Club

Kooragang Golf Club is apparently in this sandy area. Four or five spears have been sunk to 14ft. and each flow at about 2000 gallons every hour.

However, the club is not happy with the saline content of the water.

When the course was first opened artesian water was taken from a bore 600 feet deep.

Efforts to re-open this bore have not met with success.

Forty feet of piping has been lost between 50 and 100 feet below the surface and has prevented further work on the bore.

The artesian water also was saline, but it was tempered with rain, said club manager, Mr. Bert Heesh.

ALTONA LIBRARIAN RESIGNS



Mr. Laurie James.

Altona is to lose the librarian who organised the outstanding library service for residents.

Mr. Laurie James has resigned to take up an appointment at the City of Kew library.

He finishes at Altona on January 31.

Mr. James was appointed Altona librarian in May, 1964, a year before the library building was opened.

In this year, with the assistance of a staff of three, he purchased and catalogued the 15,000 books which were on the shelves of the new modern library building at the official opening in June, 1965.

The stock of books has now grown to more than 50,000 and includes a strong reference library equal to any municipal reference library in Australia.

Bowlers Determined to Save Greens

Altona Bowling Club has spent a considerable amount—approximately \$1000—to get water to the bowling greens.

Water from test bores in the vicinity of the club proved too saline.

However, a truck and 1000 gallon water carrier have been purchased to carry water from a bore sunk by the club on the property of one of its members, Mr. Mick Deegan, of Webb-st., Altona.

Mr. Deegan's home is in the sand belt where residents are drawing satisfactory water.

But the flow from this bore—270 gallons each hour—is not enough, said greenkeeper Mr. Alf Gischus, yesterday.

He said the greens need thousands of gallons each day.

At present the water is being pumped directly into the sprinkler system.

Reservoir For Bowling Green

This week a 3000 gallon tank was purchased and will be sunk in the grounds of the club to be used as a reservoir.

It is expected that the rain from the clubhouse roof will be diverted into this tank.

Mr. Gischus anticipates another bore being sunk and that the truck can be used to cart water from both bores to the tank.

He said with this reservoir of water and, being hopeful of a little rain now and again, he thinks the club will get over the crisis.

Initially there were 6000 borrowers enrolled at the library. This has grown to over 10,000, who borrow in the vicinity of 250,000 books each year.

A branch library at Altona North was opened in August, 1966, and the library staff has increased to eight.

Mr. James said this week that he has had great pleasure in establishing the Altona library, not only because of the chance to create a new library service, but because he feels such a deep and genuine affection for this community in which he has worked.

During this time in Altona he has established permanent friendships with so many people, said Mr. James.

Kew library was the first municipal free lending service in Victoria and was established in 1937.

RUBBISH DUMPING PENALTY \$200

In December, 1966, the Local Government Act was amended to make specific penalties and controls regarding the dumping of rubbish in unauthorised places, and also on rubbish tips.

Specific provisions have been made regarding secondhand motor vehicles, old or used machinery, secondhand materials, refrigerators and the like.

Any person who, without the consent of the council, deposits any refuse or rubbish on any land or road, shall be guilty of an offence.

Any person convicted of an offence shall pay the council the cost of removal by the council of such rubbish or refuse.

Any person who, without the consent of the council, uses land for storage of old or secondhand motor vehicles or machinery, or secondhand materials, or for dismantling or breaking up of vehicles or machinery, shall be guilty of an offence.

Any person who places a disused refrigerator, or ice chest or such on any dump, tip, public reserve, public place or vacant land without removing every door and lid, removing every lock and catch and hinge, and otherwise rendering a door or lid incapable of being fastened, shall be guilty of an offence.

The council's prosecuting officer is authorised to take such proceedings—the penalty in each case is a maximum of \$200.

Church Notices

BAPTIST

Sargood Street, Altona.

Cordially welcomes you to all meetings.

Services: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Communion: First Sunday morning and Third Sunday evening.

11.30 a.m.: Junior Christian Endeavour.

2.30 p.m.: Intermediate Christian Endeavour.

7 p.m.: Evening Service.

Minister—Pastor R. J. Reynolds, 62 Blyth Street, Altona.

Telephone: 65-8829.

CATHOLIC

St. Mary's

Confessions.

Railway Street, Altona.

Masses.

Sundays: 7.30, 9 and 10.30 a.m.

Holy Days: 7, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

First Fridays: 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.

Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m.

First Friday (Maltese): 4 and 5.30 p.m.

Rev. Father J. Nooney, P.P.

Rev. Father M. Kelleher.

Father V. Rubeo.

St. Mary's Presbytery, Railway Street, Altona. Telephone 65-8964.

St. Joseph's Convent, Sargood Street, Altona. Telephone 65-8686.

Queen of Peace

Laverton.

Masses.

Sundays: 7.30, 9.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m. and 6.15 p.m.

First Fridays: 6.15 p.m.

Week Days: Thursdays, 11 a.m. Saturdays, 8 a.m.

Confessions.

Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.

Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

St. Leo's

Corner Mason Street and Fourth Avenue, Altona North.

Masses.

Sunday: 7.30, 9, 10, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Confessions.

Saturday: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Rev. Father J. Kierce, P.P., Rev. Father M. Sultana, St. Leo's Presbytery, 315 Mason-st., Altona North. Telephone: 391-3219.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

St. Eanswythe's Queen Street, Altona.

VICAR—The Rev. John Lawley, The Vicarage, 7 Bent Street, Altona. Telephone: 398-1005.

Sunday Services.

8 a.m.: Holy Communion.

9.30 a.m.: Holy Communion (first, third and fifth Sundays).

Matins (second and fourth Sundays).

7 p.m.: Evensong.

Sunday School. Sundays at 9.30 a.m.

St. Luke's CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Cnr. Blackshaws and Millers Roads, Altona North.

Holy Eucharist.

Sunday, 9.30 a.m.

VICAR—The Rev. D. Townsend, 300 Blackshaws Road, Altona North. Telephone 391-3096.

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Seves Street, Altona.

Sunday.

Sunday School: 9.45 a.m. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.: Divine Worship.

Cnr. Marion Street and Sixth Avenue, Altona North.

Sunday.

11 a.m.: Divine Worship. MINISTER—Rev. John C. Adamthwaite, 109 Queen Street, Altona. Telephone: 398-1765.

Goble Street, Laverton.

(Held in Church of England Hall, Goble Street, Laverton.) 3 p.m.: Divine Worship. MINISTER—Rev. A. D. McGregor, 61 Synott Street, Werribee. Telephone: Werribee 116.

PRESBYTERIAN

241 Civic Parade, Altona.

Sunday Services.

9.15 a.m.: Morning Service.

MINISTER—Rev. John Baysey, The Manse, 9 Lindwood Avenue, Altona. Telephone: 398-1591.

9 Paringa Road, Altona North.

11 a.m.: Worship Service. League of Young Worshipers share in the Worship from 11 to 11.30 a.m.

MINISTER—Mr. W. A'Drain, The Manse, 11 Paringa Road, Altona North. Telephone 314-5179.

SALVATION ARMY

Queen Street, Altona. Civic Parade, Altona.

Sunday.

8.30 a.m.: Prayer Meeting. 9.30 a.m.: Sunday School—Combined Sunday School at the Queen Street Hall (Primary and Junior).

Sunday.

11 a.m.: Holiness Meeting. Queen Street Hall. 7 p.m.: Salvation Meeting. Queen Street Hall.

Tuesday.

2 p.m.: Bible Study Class.

Wednesday.

3.30 p.m.: Children's Club (Civic Parade Hall).

Thursday.

2 p.m.: Women's Home League. Captain Ada E. Warhurst, telephone 398-1750.

St. Clement's

Goble Street, Laverton.

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Parish Eucharist.

First Sunday in the month: Family Service.

VICAR—Rev. Eric Weber, St. Thomas' Church, Werribee.



The Social Whirl

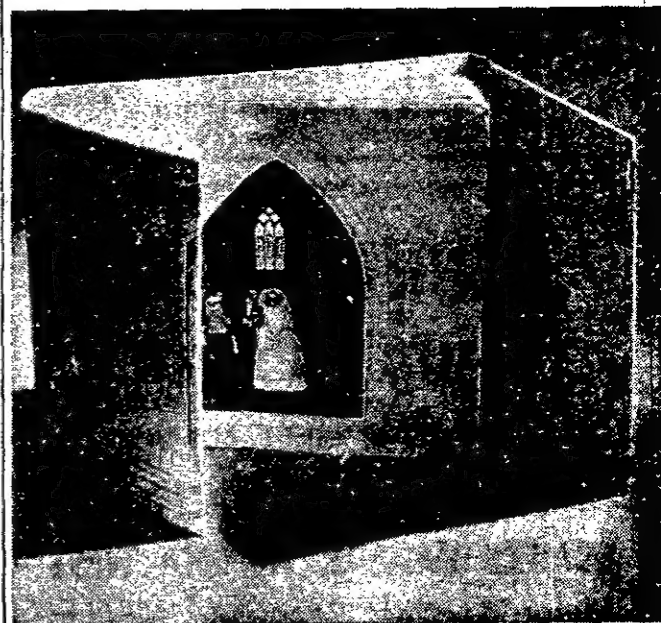
If you have any news of a birthday, engagement, wedding, or social event, it can be included in these pages. Phone 65-8277—there is no charge.

CHOICE OF BIRTHDAYS

When Shane Brian Gray was born at Footscray Hospital at exactly midnight last Friday night the doctor in attendance gave his mother, Mrs. John Gray, a choice of birthdays for him—January 19 or 20.

The Grays, of Queen-st., Altona (she was formerly Norma White), chose January 20 because a number of birthdays in Mrs. Gray's family are in the 20's.

Shane is the first grandchild for Norm and Edna White, of Queen-st., Altona, but grandfather Norm is still to learn of his arrival. Mr. White is holidaying on a fishing trawler somewhere in the Lakes area.



YOUR WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHER

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APPROACHING MARRIAGE

The marriage of Glenys Louise, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Findlay, of Bent-st., Altona, with Stanley George, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Simpson, of Dove-ave., Altona West, will be celebrated at St. Mark's Church of England, in Spotswood, on Saturday, January 27, at 4-30 p.m.

Autumn Fashion Parade

Parents and friends of guides and brownies are asked to keep Tuesday, March 12, free for the Autumn Fashion Parade being organised by the Local Association of Guides and Brownies.

The parade, by courtesy of the Eve Gwendoline Salon, will be presented in the Civic Hall, Civic-pde., Altona.

Tickets at 50c each are available from the salon in Railway-st., Altona, from guides and brownies or may be obtained by phoning 398-1608 after 4 p.m.

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Home from Holidays

Tanned and happy after a holiday at Barwon Heads are Bob and Joan Hughes, of Mulga-st., Altona, and their family, Jan, Glen, Michael and Alan.

Clarry and Pat Baines, of Sixth-ave., Altona North, and their sons, Stephen, David and baby Andrew, visited Mrs. Baines' mother in Ararat.

Back home after covering 3000 miles in three weeks on an extensive tour of Tasmania are Roy and Molly Edwards and son and daughter, Dennis and Sandra, of Romawi-st., Altona.

Also in Tasmania was Mrs. Ruth Shields, of Railway-st., Altona, who visited her mother, Mrs. Purton (for many years a resident in Mount-st.), at Launceston.

At Yarrawonga, in Northern Victoria, were Felix and Elsa Janicki, of Bent-st., and their son, Steve and his fiancée; Brian and Betty McGuckian, and their children, Peter, Karen and Kerry, of Sixth-ave.

Further down the Murray River at Echuca were Wal and Phyllis Cresser and younger son, Ross, of Queen-st.; Tom and Grace Hope, of Upton-st., also fished in the Murray at Echuca.

Skiing and fishing at Loch Sport, down Gippsland way, were Len and Linda Findlay and family, Trevor, Gregory and Julie.

Seen down at Wilson's Promontory were Fred and Joyce Wright and daughter, Janet, of the RAAF, Laverton.

New Group Will Work For Spastics

A newly-formed group, the Seaholme Ladies, plans to hold regular fund-raising functions with proceeds being donated to the building fund of the Altona Spastic Relief Association, which aims to erect a hostel for spastics in Altona.

Each Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. a social function will be held at the Homestead, 128 Queen-st., Altona.

Admission will be 30c.

Each lady is asked to bring a small prize and also a contribution for afternoon tea.

BABY IN A BIG HURRY

On Christmas Eve, as a Salvation Army Band played nearby and a suburban train ran past, little Heather Phillips decided to make her entrance into the world in a car at the gates of the Williamstown Hospital.

Heather would not wait for the comforts of a hospital birth.

With her, of course, were her mother, Lesley, and father, Harry Phillips, of Seagull-ave., Altona.

Heather has two other sisters and a brother and is the fourth grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Wal Cresser, of Queen-st., Seaholme.

NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST

A new curate has been appointed to St. Leo's Catholic Church, Altona North.

Father Galea, from West Melbourne, has been appointed assistant priest to Father Kearce.

Father Galea did work in this parish for two months about one year ago.

Play Centre Sports Results

Altona No. 1 Play Centre scooped the pool at Royal Park competing against other groups from Altona North, Sunshine, Kingsville, South Melbourne and Moorabbin. It easily obtained top points.

The play centre, under Bill Hodgson, has been its usual success, with numbers even greater than last year.

Some children have come from Williamstown and Werribee.

The usual round of games, competition visits and entertainments have kept everyone well occupied.

Altona placegetters at Royal Park were as follows—

UNDER 10 BOYS' RELAY

Russell Dennerley, Peter Young, Terry Sutcliffe and Greg Brown.

UNDER 9 GIRLS' RELAY

Christine Broderick, Jo-anne Blokkeerus, Maxine Fenson and Dominica ?????.

11-12 GIRLS' RELAY

Karenne Worthing, Susan Noble, Kathryn Van Rangelrooy and Kim Sutcliffe.

BOYS' RUNNING EVENTS WINNERS

UNDER 9 YEARS. 75 Yards: William Gilpin, Ian Van Rangelrooy, Terry Sutcliffe.

UNDER 10 YEARS. 75 Yards: Peter Young.

UNDER 12 YEARS. 75 Yards: Peter Van Rangelrooy, Terri Macki.

EIGHT TO NINE YEARS:

1st, Russell Walsh; 2nd, Ian Van Rangelrooy; 3rd, Neil Heyme.

GIRLS' RUNNING EVENTS WINNERS

UNDER 13 YEARS: Susan Noble.

UNDER 11 YEARS: Kathryn Van Rangelrooy.

UNDER 9 YEARS: Jo-anne Blokkeerus, Andrea Worthing.

UNDER 10 YEARS: Wendy Thompson.

EIGHT TO NINE YEARS: Jan Farrant, Dominica ?????, and Robyn Worthing.

CROSS COUNTRY EVENTS IN ALTONA

FIVE-YEAR-OLD GIRLS

1st, Sandra Richie; 2nd, Carol Brown; 3rd, Nora Brian.

SIX-YEAR-OLD GIRLS

1st, Janice Burns; 2nd, Kryn Fraser; 3rd, Catherine Sutcliffe.

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD GIRLS

1st, Dianna Miach; 2nd, Lynn Richie; 3rd, Paola Decarraola.

FIVE-YEAR-OLD BOYS

1st, Andrew Gibb; 2nd, Leo; 3rd, John Young.

SIX-YEAR-OLD BOYS

1st, Mark Rayner; 2nd, Gavin Sidebottom; 3rd, Mark Greenwood.

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD BOYS

1st, Patrie Penfold; 2nd, Danny Roosenboon; 3rd, Geoff Young.

The Great Moscow Circus

The Great Moscow Circus opens under a new BIGGER big top in Batman Avenue on February 28.

The new 190 ft. by 190 ft. tent is capable of seating 6,000 but for comfort and viewing it will probably be limited to 5,000.

Among the hundreds of details to be organised in connection with the Circus season is that of the feeding of the animals.

The animals are presented by Ivan Ruban in his multi-beast animal act, the only one of its kind in the world, with the animals performing individually and then collectively.

He works with 1 lion, 2 tigers, 1 panther, 1 wild cat, 2 leopards, 1 polar bear, 2 baby tigers, 4 dark brown bears, 3 white bears and 2 baby dark brown bears.

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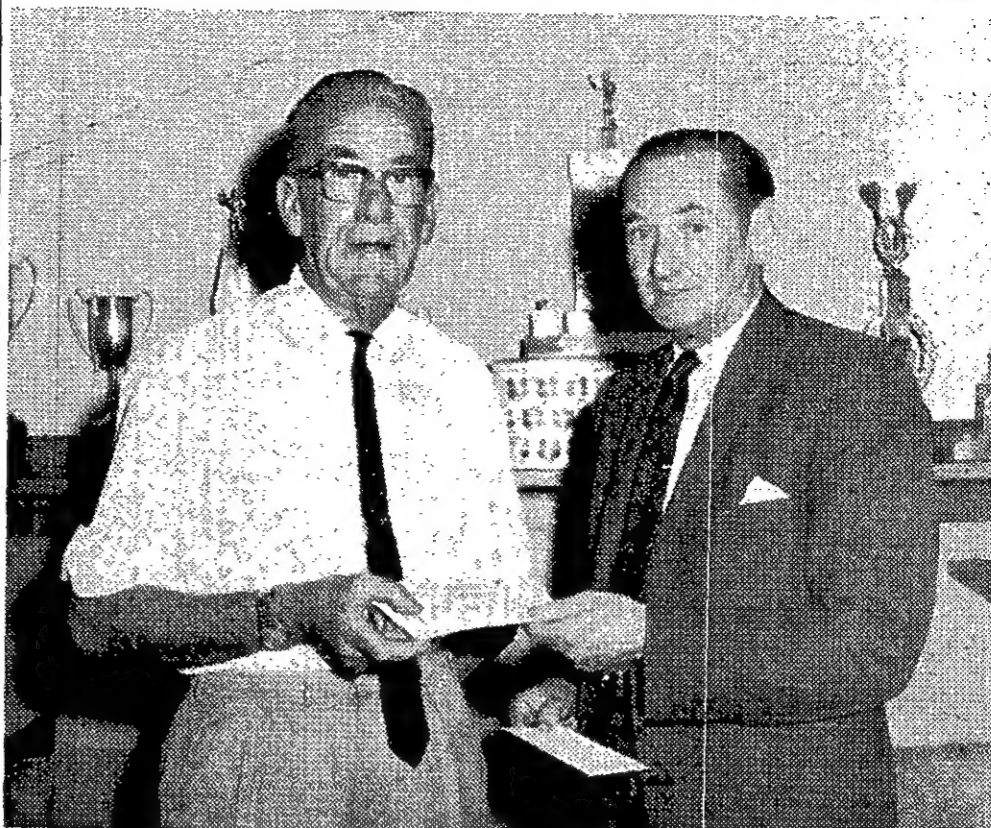
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Mr. Reg Wormsley, of Footscray District Hospital, receives a cheque for \$280 from Mr. Clarrie McNeillage (on the left), of the Bristol Hotel. The money is the latest sum raised by patrons of the hotel in their efforts to raise \$1000 towards the cost of donating a bed in the children's ward of the hospital. So far they have nearly reached the half way mark.

New Feature For Australia Day

A new sporting feature is to be introduced into Australia Day celebrations this year, in the form of a motor race meeting to be held at Phillip Island next Monday, January 29.

Mr. J. H. Lanyon, president of the Phillip Island Auto Racing Club, has notified the Australia Day Council of the club's intention to hold the meeting on the remodelled and recently reopened motor track on the popular island resort in Westernport Bay, and has obtained the council's approval for naming the principal events after the "Australians of the Year" proclaimed in the past eight years in association with the celebration of Australia Day in Victoria.

The Australia Day Council (Victoria) has undertaken to provide trophies for all 12 of the motor races of the day. The meeting will be opened with a flag-raising ceremony on the circuit, which has been designed and engineered to place a premium on the skill of the driver, without subjecting him or his machine to risks, and at the same time to safeguard the interests of spectators and afford the crowds almost an uninterrupted view of the whole circuit.

Motor racing began on Phillip Island, with the running of the first Australian Grand Prix, in 1928, and continued there until 1935, when it was temporarily abandoned. The original circuit was a rectangle, the lap measuring approximately 6½ miles, and corners more or less appropriately named Young & Jackson's refreshment, Gentle Annie, (for the one nearest Cowes and Needle's Eye (a narrow cutting), Hell Corner, Bridge of Sighs, and Heaven Corner.

Many famous names, of cars, and drivers, were associated with those early years of racing on Phillip Island, among them Arthur Tardish and his Bugattis, Jack Raybould riding as his mechanic, Bill Thompson, Carl Junker, H. Drake-Richmond, Harry Jenkins, Joan Richmond (internationally famous for her win, with Mrs. Wisdom, in the Brooklands 500—to mention but a few.

After a lapse of more than 20 years the Phillip Island Auto Racing Club opened its circuit on the island on an area of 300 acres, where the track now stands. The purpose in the venture was to build a road racing circuit, not a speedway, so that competing drivers should encounter conditions likely to be found on the average good highway. Many difficulties, financial and otherwise, had to be over-

come before the track could be completed, but, after considerable delay, two great organisations, Repco Ltd. and the Olympic Tyre & Rubber Co. Ltd., came to the rescue with financial guarantees to the extent of \$36,000 and on December 15, 1956, motor racing began again at Phillip Island.

Meetings followed in quick succession, and the new circuit attracted many great drivers, such as Lex Davison, Len Lukey, Stan Jones, Tom Hawkes and others too numerous to mention here. As time went on important improvements were made to the track and its environs, for the benefit of drivers and spectators alike, Jack Brabham, world-renowned builder and driver of racing cars, and most famous members of PIARC, has described the Phillip Island track as "one of the finest driver's circuits outside Europe."

Jack Brabham, of course, was "Australian of the Year" 1966, the first man to win the world title in motor racing in a car of his own construction, an Australian-made Brabham-Repco car.

Others awarded the "Australian of the Year" title since it was introduced by the Australia Day Council were—

1960: Sir Macfarlane Burnet, Nobel Prize winner, for his discovery of revolutionary practice in medical science;

1961: Miss Joan Sutherland, operatic soprano, for triumphant achievements in opera overseas;

1962: Jack Sturrock, captain of the Australian yacht "Gretel," runner-up for the world famed America's Cup;

1963: Sir John Eccles, distinguished scientist, joint Nobel Prize winner in physiology and medicine;

1964: Miss Dawn Fraser, winner of world swimming events for women overseas;

1965: Sir Robert Helpmann, renowned ballet director and choreographer, director of the Australian Ballet on triumphant tour abroad.

LIFE SAVERS PASS EXAMINATIONS

BRONZE AWARDS TAKEN

Last Saturday members of the Altona Life Saving Club were in attendance in St. Kilda Baths to attempt Bronze Medallion and Bronze Medallion Bar examinations.

The club is happy to report that all members passed their examinations. Bronze Medallion winners were M. Purdy, C. Meade, W. Forke, A. Golacki, A. Willett, A. Shanahan, J. Cattanch, Bronze Medallion Bars went to P. Stokes, R. Swarbrick, S. Butters, K. Harley, H. Harley, D. Shanahan, I. McCullough. The examiners were B. Allen and R. Bailey.

The club is glad to see that junior members are coming up to fill places in teams and on patrols, especially as some of the senior members will become less active in club work next season as they are getting married.

The club takes this opportunity to once again remind you that any person wishing to enrol in learn-to-swim or life saving club proper should apply at the club during training hours, those being 7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, or during weekend patrols.

This Friday, January 26, the Altona Life Saving Club will be sending a team to Mildura for the biennial carnival being held on the Murray River. Altona hopes to do as well as in 1966 when it gained many first places and the overall aggregate trophy. A report on Mildura will be in a following edition of the "Altona Star." The official team is P. Stokes, Z. Jablonski, C. Cotter, B. Allen, L. Allen, R. Swarbrick, E. Kip, I. McCullough, H. Mellett, R. Bailey, S. Butters, S. Edwards and A. Hudson. The officials are J. Byrne and J. Richards.

Altona did not send a team to Rosebud as mentioned last week because the selection committee felt it would be best to train for the elimination reel and line carnivals for several weeks.

Mention must be made of the fact that the club is receiving articles of lost property down on the beach. Anyone wishing to claim lost articles should inquire at the life saving club during training or patrol times.

KOORINGAL GOLF SCORES

Results of the stroke event played at Koorlingal Golf Club on Saturday, January 13, are as follows—

A GRADE: R. Caithness (plus 2), 76.

MONTHLY MEDAL: F. Flett (16), 66.

C GRADE: R. Sandilands (19), 69.

MONTHLY MEDAL: F. Flett (16), 66.

THIEVES ACTIVE AT APEX PARK

Several lengths of galvanised iron tubing were stolen over the holiday period from the fence surrounding the grassed area of Apex Park.

The park on the western end of the foreshore, is being developed by the local Apex Club for the benefit of the citizens of Altona.

Fencing was erected around the finished section to protect it from motor traffic.

Now 20ft. lengths of the tubing are missing.

Altona Apexians would appreciate any person who noticed the thieves tampering with the fence contacting D24 or the Altona police station.

Ambulance Brigade Re-commences

The Altona Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade will be commencing 1968 activities on Thursday, February 1, in the Altona Youth Hall, Civic-pde.

An interesting night of films has been arranged with an instructional commentary.

Certificates gained last year will be presented.

Members of the public are invited on this night and enrolments and arrangements for coming courses will be made.

Altona Athletes at Power House Club

Four local students — three from Altona North High and one from Altona High—and another Altona lad, are all members of the Power House Athletic Club which has its headquarters beside Albert Park Lake.

David Holdsworth, Barry Bolger and John Hicks will all be matriculation students at Altona North High this year.

David Morgan will be in the Leaving form at Altona High and the fifth athlete is his brother, Dennis, of Blyth-st., Altona. As there is no local athletic club all joined Power House two to three years ago.

David Holdsworth, who competed in sub-junior events last year, moved into the junior section this season.

He was a member of the Victorian sub-junior team which went to Sydney in 1967. He ran third against the New South Wales runners.

He competed in 880 yards and mile events.

At a recent meeting at Landy Field, Geelong, he ran third to a New Zealander and a Geelong runner in the junior men's title.

He was a yard behind the winner of the open mile event at the All-High Schools Athletic Sports in October.

Late in February Holdsworth will compete in the junior events at the Victorian Championships. John Hick, who was third in the All-High Schools high jump has jumped over six feet.

He will compete in the junior high jump at the Victorian championships.

Barry Bolger is a long jumper but as yet has not hit form this season.

The Morgan brothers are both sprinters competing in 100 and 220 yard events.

David, a sub-junior competitor, has been training for only one and a half years.

Dennis, a junior sprinter, has won a number of inter-club and invitation races this season. He ran well in the 100 metres invitation at Geelong.

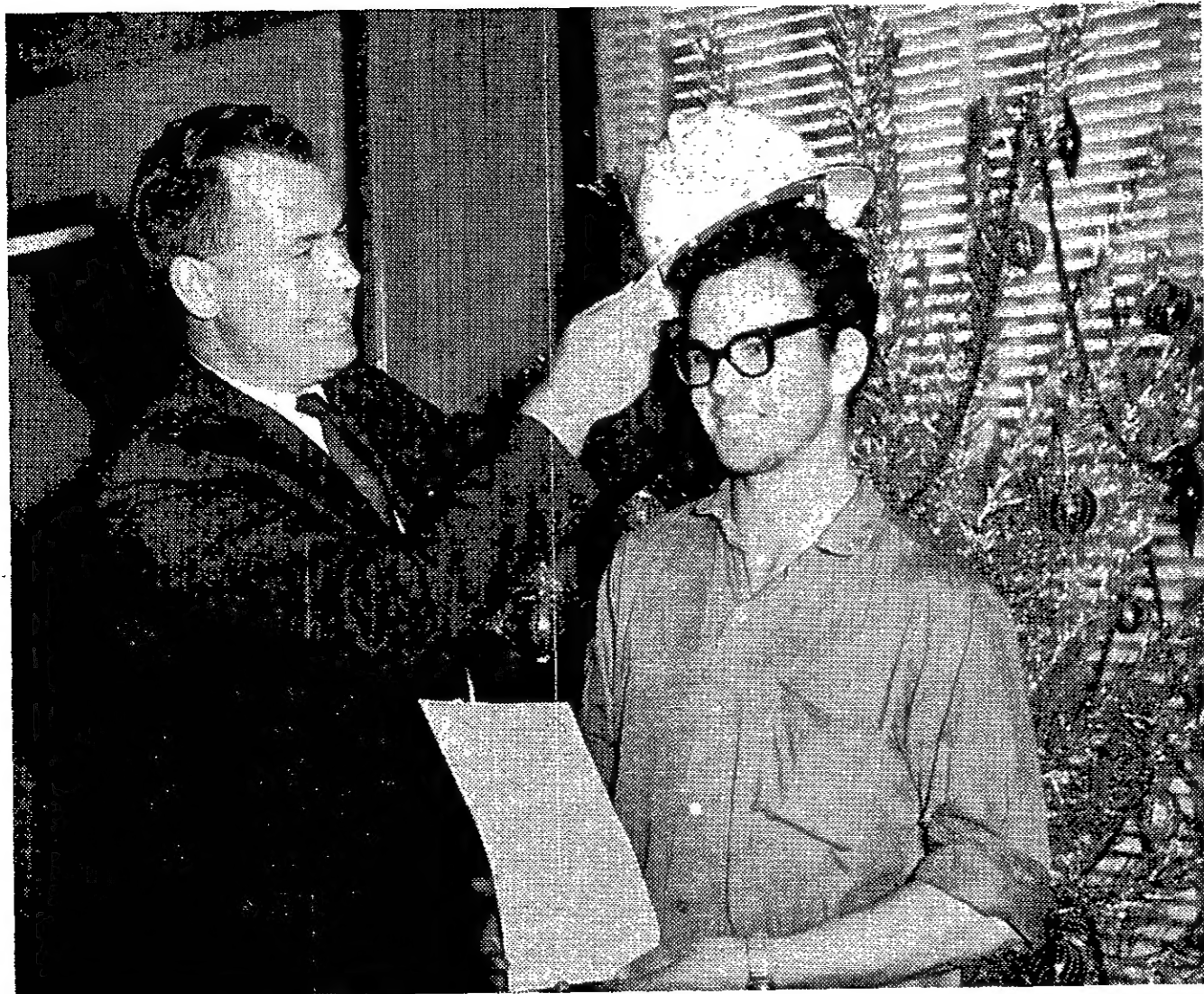
DENTAL SURGERY DATE CHANGE

The Altona Dental Clinic re-opens Wednesday, February 7, and not on February 12 as was announced last week.

From February 7 a dentist will be available at the centre in the Homestead, Queen-st., Altona, each Wednesday, and Friday.

Appointments at the clinic which provides a free service for pre-school children may be made from 10 a.m. February 7.

Hard Hat Pays Off



Jim Fellows, of Mulga-st., Altona, is an apprentice at Altona Petrochemical Company. Early last year, while working under a pipeway, Jim was struck by a wrench, accidentally dropped by a fellow employee, working above him. Fortunately, Jim was wearing his safety helmet (a necessary working rule at APC) and while the wrench left a deep imprint in the helmet, Jim suffered a mild headache only. At APC's Christmas Party last month, Jim was presented with a Turtle Club Safety Helmet and Certificate by the mechanical superintendent, G. I. Chambers. The Turtle Club originated in Canada and membership is limited to those who have been protected from serious injury because they were wearing safety head protection.

ALTONA BASKETBALLERS DEFEAT CHAMPIONS

Altona basketballers defeated the top South Australian team, South Adelaide, which has among its players an Olympian and four State representatives, in the grand final of the annual Murray Valley championship played at Swan Hill over the New Year weekend.

Three years running the South Adelaide team has won the South Australian championship.

In the Murray Valley semi-finals Altona also defeated one of the top Victorian teams, the Demons.

Four Melbourne teams played in the championship.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Swan Hill were among the 2000 spectators who watched the Altona Youth Club team win the grand final.

The championship shield was presented to Altona by the Mayor.

One of the Altona players, Ken Burbridge, was awarded the best and fairest trophy for the series of matches.

Team members were Max Johnstone (captain), Robert Johnstone (vice-captain), John Carr, Brian Kerle, Barry and Alan Knight, Ken Burbridge, Peter and John Petherick, James Hamilton, Ken Beckett and Tom Henderson.

In the first 15 minutes of the final match both teams kept scoring, with Altona keeping two points ahead.

At half time Altona was down four points and appeared to be tiring, with the score at 25-21.

But in the second half Altona hit hard and went to a lead of 28-27.

After two 25 footers by Alan Knight, Altona went ahead to 32-27.

John Carr came on and he scored 10 points in nearly as many minutes, but South Adelaide fought back.

Final score was 58-49.

Altona only entered one team in the championship this year.

Last year two local teams participated when the first team lost to Swan Hill in the grand final and the junior team lost to South Australia in a semi-final.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Following is an up-to-date list of Justices of the Peace in Altona Shire—

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Rear vision mirrors, which should be kept clear and properly adjusted at all times, should be used constantly.

Side mirrors—either a single mirror or one on each side of the car—are additional aids to safe driving. They are particularly useful when merging with traffic on lane highways and as a check on overtaking motorists.

Although the rear vision mirror is now universally used and has become an integral part of the car, improvements are continually being made by motor vehicle manufacturers. Improvements in the past few years include greater fields of vision, reduction of glare, day-night adjustment features (particularly in luxury American cars) and safety backings.

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Altona Cricketers at Mooroopna

A couple of weeks ago, our gallant cricketers answered a challenge from Mooroopna.

Some 12 or so Altona Knights true, sallied forth on sturdy steeds (except Bob McLeod, whose ancient steed took three hours 20 minutes to get their, and whose exhaust fell off, transforming it into a flaming dragon).

Arriving at 10 p.m. they rested that night in ye olde Cricketers Arms (Est. 1872), but not before first attending a banquet at the Royal Mail Hotel in the form of a cabaret no less.

Sir John Cooney, it is reported, danced the only dance of the (K)night, but reports make no mention of a partner.

One of the only scores reported was when one naughty Knave knocked the air-conditioning system for six whilst entering the home of Ian Peeler at 2.30 a.m. and sharply awakening Ian's good lady.

Was it because of a financial embarrassment that Geo. Grassby had to buy the team a liquid breakfast of bitter lemon on the morning to follow?

Our band of gallant gentlemen lost to the Mooroopna team, 132 runs to 126—a very good, close match, and a very enjoyable weekend.

They have already thrown down the gauntlet by challenging

Mooroopna to a return game here at Altona in the near future.

At the extraordinary general meeting of the Altona Cricket Club on Monday last, the president, Frank Kirk, expressed his concern at the lack of club spirit shown by players and members.

He said that not enough were taking part in the work of the club or showing enough interest in the junior sides playing each Saturday morning.

Bill Nichol was in great need of help and very urgently, too.

Coach John Cooney said that more and longer practices must be had by all players so that the recent poor displays of cricket will not be repeated.

The members present discussed ways of improving the club, both in the cricket and social field. Suggestions were noted by the committee for further discussion at committee meetings.

The meeting, thought not well attended, was one of short notice but it is hoped that the outcome of the talks will encourage all members to make more individual efforts.

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HEALTH SCHEME 'NEEDS CO-OPERATION'

Australia's health scheme will benefit greatly if the AMA agrees to consultations with health insurance funds and the Commonwealth, says the Voluntary Health Insurance Council of Australia.

The Council, an association of major funds, says in its journal, *Health Digest*, that recent agreements between the A.M.A. Federal Executive and insurance funds could provide a breakthrough.

"Although there is much justification for believing that in concept the Australian scheme leads the world, nobody can afford to be complacent about its operation," the journal says.

"One of the chief tasks of the partners in this scheme is to ensure that the gap between hospital and medical charges on the one hand, and benefits on the other, is a reasonable one.

"This can only be done if the funds, governments, and medical profession can work together so that when economic developments make medical and hospital fee rises inevitable, suitable adjustments can be made in contributions and benefits.

"The principle agreement between the AMA and the funds was to consult together in future to this end.

"These agreements have to be ratified on the AMA's side by its Federal Assembly next April. There is then a need for the Commonwealth Government to agree to join in future consultations so that when any action has to be taken these three partners in the scheme can move in step.

Reporting on criticism of government-financed health schemes in Britain and New Zealand the journal comments: "Other countries in the Western world are looking, not to nationalised health services, but to government-backed voluntary health insurance as the way to meet the costs of adequate modern health services for the whole population."

DARTS CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

This weekend at the Altona Working Men's Club the Western Suburbs Darts Association's champion of champions events will be conducted as follows —

SUNDAY, 10 a.m. START

VICTORIAN PREMIERS

Premiership team of each of the Leagues will play off in a Round Robin. Competing teams are: Mountain League (Commodore Hotel No. 1), Melbourne League (Royal Hotel), Western Suburbs (Bristol Hotel), Hospital League (Royal Children's Hospital), Metropolitan League (North Fitzroy Arms Hotel).

On Monday the remaining games of the Victorian Premiership will be played at 10 a.m.

Singles and doubles Champion of Champions will be played from 1 p.m.

SINGLES

Western Suburbs (B. Eckstein), Mountain League (J. Davies), Metropolitan League (C. Conlan), Melbourne League (D. Petrie).

DOUBLES

Western Suburbs (C. Neal and C. Holton), Metropolitan League (B. Coulan and W. Beddingham), Mountain League (B. Smith and W. Wilson), Melbourne League (H. Howells and J. Nicholls).

1968 STATE TEAM ROUND ROBIN

The final game to decide the 1968 State team to go to Perth next Easter will be played on Sunday, February 4, at 10 a.m. at the East Brunswick Darts Club. The Leagues playing off are Metropolitan and Melbourne. At the conclusion of these games the State team can be announced.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A special general meeting of the Western Suburbs Darts Association will be held at the Altona RSL on Tuesday, January 30, commencing at 8 p.m. sharp, at which all clubs are to be represented.

The business of the meeting is to discuss rules and regulations of the Association. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

In my last letter published in the "Altona Star" I stated that Ho Chi Minh was elected president of Vietnam in January, 1946. The reporting of these elections does not appear in most pro-American Government publications because it would help prove that America financed a war of aggression against a legally elected government.

I have been challenged to name the source of information that I read concerning the January 1946 elections, so to dispell any doubts regarding their validity I have decided to name my source. It appears on page 65 of Bernard B. Fall's publication entitled "The Two Viet Nams." The author is Professor of International Relations at Howard University, recipient of Fulbright and SEATO fellowships, Rockefeller Foundation grant, Guggenheim fellowship and 1966 George Polk Memorial Award.

The parliament elected in January 1946 was composed of 330 pro-communist members and 70 non-communist members. France recognised the legitimacy of the government and of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam by the signing of the "Modus Vivendi" in Paris between President Ho Chi Minh and French Overseas Affairs Minister Marius Moutet on September 14, 1946. With the start of the French-Indo-China war on December 19, 1946, France, supplied, financed and encouraged by America waged a war of aggression against the legal government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. Since the Geneva Convention in 1954 America has encouraged the State of South Vietnam to refuse the North Vietnamese requests for the promised national elections in accordance with the Geneva Agreements. America at the moment has 500,000 troops in Vietnam to ensure that the country is never unified under one popular elected government.

It must be sadly recalled that the present American government has forgotten the immortal words of one of their greatest presidents, Abraham Lincoln, at the time of the departure of the 11 Southern States from the American Union. To remind them President Lincoln said:

"A house divided against itself cannot stand." These immortal words must also be applicable to Vietnam.

Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY C. CRESSER.

The annual general meeting of the Western Suburbs Darts Association will be held at the Altona RSL on Thursday, February 22, commencing at 8 p.m. sharp.

Applications for affiliation for the 1968 season close at this meeting.

Nominations for the following offices are now receivable. The offices and retiring members are as follows—

PATRON, R. Lamaro; PRESIDENT, N. Jessup; VICE-PRESIDENTS, R. Rose, E. Atkins; SECRETARY, Vacant; ASSISTANT SECRETARY, R. Rose; TREASURER, A. Shipsey; ASSISTANT TREASURER, Vacant; VIDA DELEGATES, F. Oatway, REGISTRATION SEC., R. Rose, Vacant; PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, R. Rose; SOCIAL SECRETARY, H. Rule.

Bowling Champs Defeated In Title Matches

It was a day of upsets in the club championship matches played at Altona Bowling Club last Sunday.

John D. Mather who last week defeated the five times Victorian and ex-Australian champion Glyn Bosisto was defeated and put out of the singles title by the current club champion Frank Nielson.

And in a later match Frank Nielson was downed by John Newton, who now enters the final.

One quarter final has still to be played—between Bob Don and Sid-Carton.

The winner of this match will play in the semi-final against Les Crofts.

The successful player in this semi earns the right to play in the final match against John Newton for the coveted men's singles title.

Four rounds of the club championship were decided last Sunday. Jim Stephens was defeated by Les Crofts. At 14 ends Stephens was leading 16-8, but at 21 ends the scores were equal—18-18. As play continued the results were 24 ends, 20-21; 26 ends, 20-24; and finally 27 ends, 20-25.

Next game was between P. Kelly and J. Newton. Newton proved the winner at 16 ends, 16-8, and the final score was 25-8.

J. Mather, who last week defeated Glyn Bosisto, was defeated by the reigning club champion, F. Nielson. Scores were: At 13 ends, Nielson was 12, Mather 13; at 17 ends, Nielson led 18-14; at 18 ends,

20-14; 20 ends, 21-15; 22 ends, 23-15; 23, 24-15; and at 24 ends, 25-15.

In the afternoon Frank Nielson played John Newton to decide the player for the final. Newton got home by one shot. At seven ends Nielson had Newton 10-0; at 11 ends, 14-6; 15 ends, 16-10; 18 ends, 18-15; at 22 ends, 21-19; 26 ends, 24-21; at 27 ends, 24-22; and finally at 28 ends, 24-25.

Some 40 members, associates and visitors also played a mixed rinks game on Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. H. Hindley, who were in business in Perth, some years ago, were among the visitors.

The winning rink was Mrs. I. Mitchell, Mr. B. Sevier, Mr. McIntyre and Mr. C. Griffiths. The senior vice-president presented the trophies to the winners. Altona club was again ably represented in the Open Footscray City Men's Electric Light Tournament that was concluded on January 19.

The Altona rink was defeated in the semi-final by the ultimate winners. Congratulations, therefore, go to D. Siphthorpe, Len O'Donnell, L. Cox and G. Russell for a great effort.

WHEN SHOULD A TEENAGER LEARN TO DRIVE?

At what age should a teenager learn to drive? And who is the right person to teach?

These are very important questions in the lives of young people in Australia today and they pose many problems for parents.

To be sure, with automatic transmission, cars today are much easier to operate than they were several years ago, and various aids have lessened the physical effort needed for driving. But the increased speed capacity and complex traffic situations have added to the mental involvement.

Many cars are more powerful than their counterparts of 1950. And the number of cars on the road has almost trebled since then. Average speeds have also increased.

All this makes it much more difficult to learn to drive safely these days than a generation ago. This makes it all the more essential for teenagers and young people to get proper instruction, full tuition and wise counselling at the earliest possible time.

GOOD HABITS

In the first place it is the responsibility of parents and the teachers to impart good habits and consideration for others in the community at all times. Example is the best teacher and parents should be careful in all their social dealings—particularly when behind the wheel of a car themselves.

Parents and teachers should also try to curb the desire of young people to pass the driving test quickly and insist that they first learn to drive skillfully and well.

The proper age for a young person to learn to drive depends on many factors. Teenagers can learn to drive under proper supervision when on private property—like a farm—before obtaining a provisional licence. They can start learning about the rudiments of motoring from an early age, but certainly not on public roads or near other moving vehicles.

A competent parent or relative can teach the basic principles—a professional tutor, if desired, can take over later.

It is perhaps less important to know how an engine works than to appreciate the important role of the car's tyres and braking capacity.

The tyres are the sole links between the car and the road. Unless they do the job properly, the car will not steer, brake or handle correctly.

The next step is to learn to sit comfortably in the car. See that the seat belt is adjusted so there is no slack but it is not too tight to restrict movement. The buckle must be at the side of the driver, not against his stomach.

The position of the driving seat is a matter of personal preference. Obviously all controls must be within easy reach. It is also essential that the rear-view mirror should be adjusted so that the rearward view is clearly seen.

STEERING GRIP

Holding the steering wheel is another important point. The position of the hands is a matter of choice, though the most comfortable grip is sometimes governed by the location of the steering wheel spokes. The hands should sit at the "ten to two" position comfortably, and never fall below "quarter to three."

In no circumstances should the "fool's grip" be used. This is the placing of the both hands at the top or bottom of the wheel.

The next step is to practice finding all controls without taking the eyes off the road. At this stage of the tuition the vehicle does not have the engine running, but the novice should proceed to "drive" and go through all the motions. (Care should be taken not to use the accelerator pedal at this time to prevent the carburettor from flooding.)

He should learn to operate the hand brake without looking down and to shift from gear to gear (including reverse) while still looking through the windscreen.

The lessons are necessarily preliminary to the full job of learning to drive well. If a child learns them early enough, it makes the task easier and safer.

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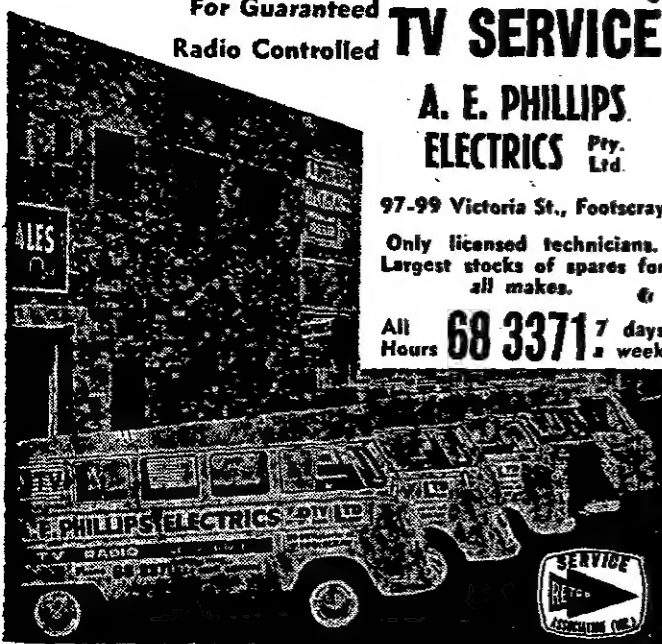
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Television and the Younger Family

By "PARENT"

Most parents are faced with the problem of how to use the television intelligently so that it becomes a device of some value around the home. Whatever our opinions concerning the effect of television on our children we are faced with the fact that no comprehensive report has yet been made by specialists as to the outcome of long and continued television exposure by Australian children.

Some detailed reports are available about the English and American system, but as yet no one has evaluated scientifically the Australian situation.

It may be just as well to examine the Australian situation first. Are there features here which should modify our attitude to TV viewing?

The Australian Scene

Probably the first observation of the Australian situation is the comparative newness of TV in the schools. For we can rightly expect the schools to develop some faculty of appreciation.

In most schools the use of TV broadcasts are still in the novelty stage. Detailed and sound procedures are outlined by the ABC for optimum use of the material, but the obvious physical inadequacies of the Australian educational system do little to implement these schemes.

The number of TV sets per school is limited, and viewing conditions are at best an improvisation of pre-TV teaching conditions.

As parents, then, we must wait some years before our schools reach the same degree of TV sophistication as, say, American schools.

Next we ought to consider the composition of the programs provided by commercial and national networks. According to the last report of the Broadcasting Control Board 50% of the viewing time was taken up with Australian programs, 50% with imported programs and of all viewing time 25% with documentary films. The composition of these are even more disappointing in that a large proportion are only of mediocre quality, produced with a minimum of expense, aimed at a non-thinking, non-critical mass audience.

Link with this the undeniable fact that a considerable proportion of Australian parents exercise little control over their children's viewing and the situation is alarming.

According to one minor survey in part of Altona at least 50% of the local parents are not at all discriminative in their children's viewing.

It would seem that the time is overdue for some consideration of the use of our children will make of their TV throughout the rest of their life. Who can measure the good or harm already done? One thing seems certain that in the short 12 years of TV use in Australia a rather haphazard approach has been made to the effect on the attitudes and mental health of our children.

Parents are the ones who must use their common sense in an intelligently concerned way if TV is to achieve the obviously valuable contribution it can make to our lives.

Possibilities

The possibilities of this medium are limitless. The world in our living room is not an exaggeration. A world of top quality education, art and entertainment or a world of third rate conditioning vulgarity and self indulgence.

The choice is ours. The weekly program guides are an excellent indication of just what is worth viewing, they deserve more intelligent use than they receive.

Scarcely a week passes without some form of documentary which makes us familiar with an otherwise unknown aspect of life on our planet. Daily presentation of news items is vivid and interesting. Our children

will almost surely follow our patterns of viewing, be they discriminating or otherwise. This ability of making current events alive and meaningful ought not be overlooked by concerned parents. This is a very real contribution to educational television and as such should be used wisely.

Used as a medium of entertainment of course the TV has no peer. In the security and comfort of their own home children can be quite happily entertained from the fantasy world of make believe through to the higher art forms of drama and ballet, the television presentation is most effective.

The ABC attempted for the first time in 1967 to present television as an art form in itself. This of course is only the beginning and no doubt our grand children will know much more about the special possibilities of the exciting art form.

Our greatest problem as parents is to try and inculcate something of the more critical aspect of viewing in our children.

It seems reasonable to assume that even at a very early age children can be made aware of some of the technical skills of the medium. Generally children are quite keen to discuss just how the producers or cameramen were able to create some special effect.

Unless we make some effort to develop some critical faculty then the time will come when the children either reject television altogether or except third and fourth rate standards of entertainment as their own.

Again, some selective use of the published weekly programs can go a long way to help us in this aspect of television purposefully. Mention has been made of the ABC's production "She," in which the producer/creator set about creating a piece of television so that one might say his interest is in the theatre, or another in ballet now a new horizon has been added—television "She" was written with the special limitations and techniques of television in mind. Like all art forms it demanded some thought on the part of the viewer and probably, because we are so unused to this, we found it difficult to understand.

There will be more of the same and they will succeed in varying degrees. Our children need some basic viewing skills if such productions are to realise their full worth.

Parents Attitude

We should use the program guide carefully and preferably in conjunction with all members of the family. As well as solving family viewing times which conflict it also helps the student viewer plan viewing and study times.

We need to see that we make the most of the opportunities for the week which TV presents for us. Both children and parents should know there is an "off" switch and a channel selector. Both need to be used with discrimination.

If we want our children to take an interest in the world around them then we should view intelligently and critically a regular news presentation. At

least several shows could be viewed critically as a family effort during the week. Here, individual preferences will of course be made known but the important part should be the brief and simple talk after or during the show on the techniques and devices used.

Use or Abuse?

So far we have said little of the abuses of TV. How pleasant it is when dad or mum and dad come home from work to let the children watch the TV while they unwind and discuss the day's events.

This is so pleasant that we can easily forget that our children need to do just the same thing.

They dislike either being constantly pushed into the background ("see what's on the television") or being ignored. If the brief few minutes relaxing turns into hours daily then perhaps it's time to give our children their proper due. They can't appreciate the dramatic moments of our favourite show, nor should we expect them to. Children can be led to appreciate moments of beauty if we help explain the plot or the characters concerned as the story unfolds.

Perhaps the most important thing we can do, apart from choosing programs wisely, is to help the younger child see that TV dramas, etc., are not real situations. It may be that children confuse fact and fiction. Indeed they confuse these two so much that the way of life presented to them in second rate film can become quite frightening to them.

Is this the sort of adult world into which they are growing? Are these the problems that will face them when they grow up? Of course, we know this is not so but do children see this as fact or fiction?

According to one leading psychologist it is in this area that TV can be most dangerously abused. He suggests that no one can prove that an act of violence or meanness is a direct result of something seen on TV, but the danger lies in the cumulative effect of years of viewing third rate contrived situations which tend to depreciate society's normal values.

Conclusions

It seems then, that with a little concerned control we, as parents, can easily make the "box" into something of value in the home. The younger family can make much of selected viewings together and consequent discussion can prepare the children for greater enjoyment of television in the future.

We need to remember that the Broadcasting Control Board and others spend much time and skill in suggesting what show will be suitable for a younger family and what will not. We run a risk of harming our children and reducing the effect of TV if we pay no attention to their guide.

Perhaps a sound resolution for 1968 would be to use this electronic device within our home wisely. To make it an instrument of art, entertainment and education we can use beneficially for the present and future development of our children.

ROAD COURTESY LACKING

Many accidents involving death and injury could be substantially reduced if all road users would only show more courtesy, give more consideration towards others and use greater care, believes Mr. F. G. Harris, executive officer, Road Safety Division of the National Safety Council of Australia.

He considers it quite obvious that road manners do not exist with a large percentage of the community.

"It is up to each and every one of us individually to do our utmost to protect ourselves and in so doing protect the welfare of other road users if we are to survive," warns Mr. Harris.

The following advice by Mr. Harris may act as a reminder for the protection of not only the driver but his or her passengers—

- Plan your trip well in advance;
- If you are an inexperienced driver use utmost care;
- Leave early — don't try to make up lost time. At the best all that is achieved is the making up of distance often with tragic results;
- Don't overload the vehicle. Springs and shock absorbers are not designed for the additional weight often placed on top of vehicles;
- Arrange an even distribution of loads for safer handling of your vehicle;
- Adjust speeds when towing caravans—boat, trailers, etc., and allow for greater stopping distances;
- Don't travel too close. Give other motorists a fair go;
- Adjust headlamps for night driving — low beam when thrown high can cause dazzle. (This can occur when towing caravans, boat trailers, etc.);
- Use extra care at railway level crossings. Stop if in doubt and make certain it is safe to proceed;
- Don't allow your passengers to distract you. Concentrate all the time. It is fatal to relax;
- Tiredness creates drowsiness. Stop and give yourself and your passengers a break. Children appreciate this. A freshen up with a damp cloth assists;
- Fasten your seat belts, as 75% of those killed and injured are the front seat passenger;
- Don't forget the children. There are several harnesses available which provide excellent protection;
- Drinking and driving should be avoided to all times;
- Make every drive a safety drive and strive for road safety always—all ways.

Concentration and Quick Reaction Prevent Skidding

Every experienced driver knows, and every learner driver will find by experience, that concentration and quick reaction play a highly important part in driving on slippery roads without skidding.

This is the conclusion of senior traffic officers of the Victoria Police Driving School as outlined in the Family Driving Educational Scheme brochure.

"If a skid does occur, these same human qualities will be indispensable in the correction and control of the car," says the brochure.

Skidding is defined as an involuntary movement of the car due to the grip of the tyres on the road becoming less than a force or forces acting on the car. In other words, a car skids when one or more wheels slide instead of having a pure rolling action.

To learn to control a skid, a driver must learn how skidding is caused; it may be:

- Excessive speed, which is the basic cause;
- Coarse steering in relation to a speed which in itself is not excessive;
- Rough acceleration (a parent to excessive speed);
- Excessive or sudden braking, demanded by excessive speed.

Police instructors say the first requirement for correcting a skid is to know its type and recognise the sensations transmitted to the driver by the behaviour of the car in the early stages of the skid's development. These sensations should be linked with the manner of control prevailing at the moment of skidding.

REAR WHEEL SKID

This is caused by a combination of excessive speed, coarse steering and rough acceleration and gives a sensation of unbalance to the human body produced by the car endeavouring

to turn about its vertical axis. The normal feel of the steering is one of extreme lightness, the car tends to turn broadside and, if unchecked, will tend to turn completely round. A rear wheel skid caused by excessive braking produces similar sensations, but with the addition that the desired loss of road speed does not take place.

FRONT WHEEL SKID

When this occurs, usually on a corner or bend, the sensation is that of complete loss of steering control, the vehicle going straight ahead instead of following the course of the deflected front wheels. The cause undoubtedly arises from excessive speed.

FOUR WHEEL SKID

Caused by excessive braking, this will produce a sensation of increased speed rather than of the desired loss of it, and the car will tend to slide forward.

The brochure then gives guiding principles: practice in the art is essential.

Immediately the sensation of skidding is felt, it is imperative that the driver exercises a controlling influence over the vehicle or the skid will develop to alarming proportions.

To eliminate the cause of the rear wheel skid, the driver should remove pressure from the

accelerator. At the same moment turn the front wheels into the skid—in other words, if the rear of the car swings to the right, turn the steering wheel to the right until stabilisation is achieved; similarly, if the car swings to the left, steer in that direction. Then steer into the required course and apply gentle acceleration. Excessive or prolonged steering correction should be avoided, or another skid may be induced in the opposite direction.

To control a front wheel skid, it is suggested lifting the foot off the accelerator and at the same moment straightening the front wheels. Another method is to take the foot off the accelerator and, if the hand brake operates on the rear wheels only, putting it on and off, being careful to render the hand-brake setting device inoperative. This latter method, it is suggested, may cause a helpful rear wheel skid, but in any case will tend to reduce speed.

In the case of a four wheel skid, the brake should be released immediately, to allow the road wheels to rotate. Then re-apply brakes with a delicate initial pressure which may be increased gradually, so as to avoid locking the wheel again.

In a general conclusion on the control of skidding, the brochure stressed that the best control over the speed of a car on a slippery road is through the accelerator. This is only possible through the clutch and a suitable gear ratio.

CAMERA CLUB'S COMPETITION

Entries for the Altona Camera Club's first monthly competition for the new year were submitted last Friday night.

The heading of "Speed and Action" gave members plenty of scope to use their ideas. Results will be announced next Friday, January 26. Also on this night will be the first of a series of capsule courses to be given each month.

Saturday night saw a large section of the club converge on the Melbourne Town Hall to see a film called "Northern Safari." From all reports, everyone enjoyed the film, particularly the canine scene stealer, Tiger, the fox terrier, a member of the safari party.

This coming Sunday, January 28, will be a trip to see "Hollygreen," an old homestead, which is open to the public. Members are requested to meet at 10 a.m. in front of the clubroom, Queen-st., Altona. Besides bringing the usual picnic gear, it might be a good idea to carry your own supply of water.

MOST VICTIMS ON PLEASURE TRIPS

More than three-quarters of road accident victims in Australia could be either pleasure-bound or on private business when they are killed, and less than a quarter on a journey in connection with their business or getting to or from their work, a study conducted by the Australian Road Safety Council shows.

Other points show: FEMALES represent 45% of all casualties on private business trips (which include getting to and from holiday resorts as well as shopping trips and journeys to or from church and meeting).

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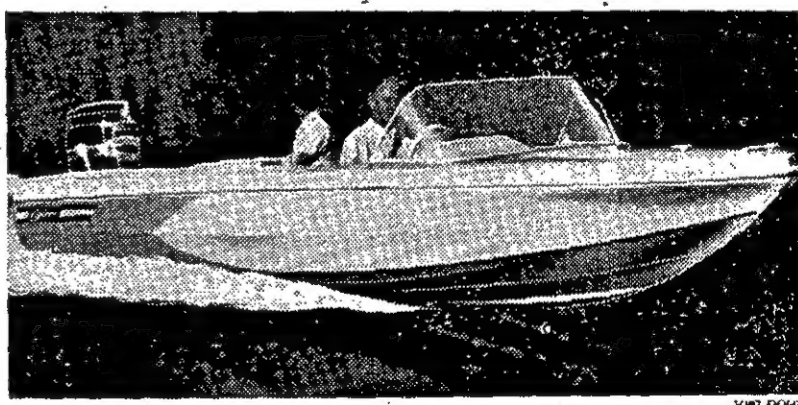
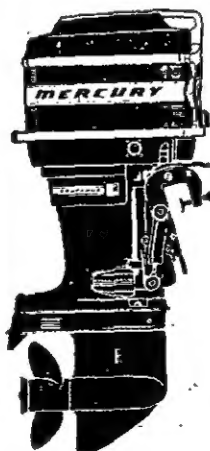
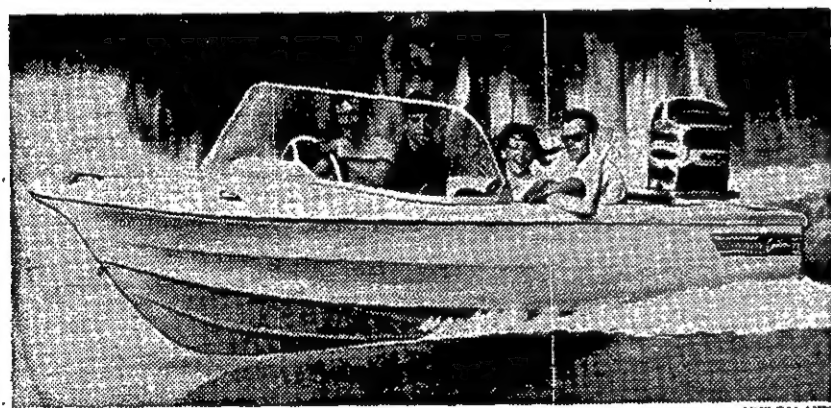
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GOSSIP

John, Tom and Ron are very Queenslandish.
Gail and Sue are very EX-VALIENTISH.

Not to be kept out of things our Denise is very ex-Holdenish. Apparently there was a big party up at the Marsh last week.

Gilly is still very snookerish. Johnny Angel is hoping to return to Italy with Charlie Boro-mio in the near future.

Jimbo McEwen has bought that new camera of his.

Danny is still making his way around the Continent.

John will not get one watch until Evey receives a camera.

Don't forget, "Bus Stop" returns this week.

Kenny's mate is a pig farmer.

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"BUS STOP" IS BACK

"Bus Stop," the weekly Sunday night dance, returns to the Centenary Hall, Werribee, this week. Each week top groups will be featured and coming soon is "Bus Stop's" first birthday.

This anniversary promises to be a bumper night, so whatever you do make sure that you don't miss out. Because Pete Leed, Mike Barnett and Mr. Cahill are going to be three very upset guys if you do.

Buses will run from the normal stops in Altona and Laver-ton.

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THE SCENE

A tour of Rhodesia, planned by British pop group, Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich, has been banned by the Musicians Union because of discrimination. The union has placed a ban on groups appearing in front of segregated audiences.

Bert Berns, the composer of songs like "Twist and Shout" and "Hang on Sloopy," died recently.

Johnny Young is in Australia to do a national tour.

Pop group, the Questions, have two new members in their line-up which is backing The Who, Small Faces and Paul Jones.

Blind American negro singer, Ray Charles, will record Procol Harum's record, "Whiter Shade of Pale."

Normie Rowe is now out of the pop entertainment business.

Best of luck to you, Norm.

The Yarraville dance, called "Wild Side," could be bigger and better than ever this year, according to Ray Evans and the Australian Entertainment Exchange.

Despite what you may have heard Jimi Hendrix's bass guitarist is no relation to the late Otis Redding.

The first of the Twilights' new television series should be screened any time now.

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Meet the Diciples of the Devil

New Zealand has Larry's Rebels, Adelaide has the Master's Apprentices, and here in Altona we have a pop group who call themselves the Devil's Diciples. Why they chose this title I will never understand because they are really the nicest bunch of kids one could wish to meet.



THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLES (from left to right):— Adrian Bell, Phillip Pearce, Russell Hampson, Paul Pearce, Ian Hampson.

All five members of the group reside in Altona and come from only three families. Leader of the group is 18-year-old Phillip Pearce, who has been playing lead guitar for about four years. Phillip was previously with a group called the X-Rays.

His brother, Paul, aged 16, plays rythmn guitar.

On bass guitar is Ian Hampson 16, Ian has only been playing for 11 months.

His brother, Russell, aged 17, is the way out drummer for the Devil's Diciples. Russell, who has been playing drums for a year, was one of the founders of the group with Phillip Pearce. Apparently the idea was evolved during a physics lesson at Williamstown High.

Oldest member of the group is 19-year-old Adrian Bell, who believe it or not, is vocalist for the Diciples. Adrian gained early experience with the Altona Music Society Choir.

Before joining the Diciples he was a fill in for a group called the Beethovens.

Well, that's the line-up and may I add that four of the five members can actually read music (quite an achievement, boys).

Although this band has only been in motion for six months they have already written their first number.

The boys play mainly Top 40 material and they have learnt several Hendrix compositions.

Since their formation they have played around Footscray, Williamstown and Altona areas.

You may remember that the Devil's Diciples played at a number of charity dances run by the Altona Music Society in conjunction with Brown-Eyed Hand-some Jam.

The boys feel that they owe a lot to the Jam and in particular bass guitarist Graham Griffith, who has given them plenty of help.

They would also like to express a special thank-you to the AMS for its help and co-operation in the past.

BOOKING numbers for the group are 398-1809 or 398-1365.

Likes and Dislikes

PHILLIP PEARCE (Electronics Student)

LIKES: Girls, music, art.

DISLIKES: No particular dislikes.

FAVOURITE ARTISTS: Australian, Easybeats; International, Beatles, Stones and Hendrix.

PAUL PEARCE (Student)

LIKES: Food, cars, girls, music.

DISLIKES: People who dislike his music.

FAVOURITE FILM STAR: June Allyson.

IAN HAMPSON (Student)

LIKES: Cars, fodder, push-bikes (recently cycled 120 miles around Werribee and district).

DISLIKES: His brother's cooking.

FAVOURITE ARTISTS: The Bee Gees.

ADRIAN BELL (Apprentice Instrument Maker)

LIKES: Steamed pudding, mod gear.

DISLIKES: Conceited people, cars that don't run.

RUSSELL HAMPSON (Student)

LIKES: "Peanuts" cartoons, unbroken drum sticks.

DISLIKES: Girl shortages, people who dislike other people.

FAVOURITE DRUMMER: The drummer for the Searchers.

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CHURCHES CRICKET SCORES

For the first time this season, rain interrupted play in last Saturday's round of matches in the Western Suburbs Protestant Churches Cricket Association.

The whole Junior Sections were abandoned and will be played next Saturday as a one-day fixture.

All but one Senior game got underway, but very little play was possible, and accordingly very few performances of any note.

However, those players to show out in the short time play was in progress included K. Keeping (Tottenham Baps.), C. Grade, who made 67; Noel Hayes (Yarraville Baps.), A. Grade, 58 not out; and Des Hammond (Seddon/Yarraville Congs.), A. Grade, 40; whilst Graeme Clarke (St. Stephen's, North W'town) took 5/15, and Alan McInnes (Ballarat-rd. Meths.) took 4/44.

Progress scores of the seniors matches are as follows:

A GRADE

Yarraville Baps. at 2/94 are in quite a strong position against St. Andrew's W'town. Noel Hayes is 58 not out and Bob Hayes made 22. If the Baps. can keep going for a while St. Andrew's could find it hard to win and keep their final four hopes alive.

Seddon/Yarraville Congs. at 5/90, with Des Hammond 40, are in a spot of trouble against Williamstown Congs. as all their best batsmen are already out. A strong stand is now needed, plus quick wickets when in the field. The W'town Congs. also need to win to keep alive their hopes of the final four.

Newport Meths., at 1/39, with David Allen 17 not out, did not have much opportunity to get going against Tottenham Baps., and the result of this match could be quite interesting as both desperately need to win.

Barkly-st. Meths., at 4/64, could be in a better position against Kingsville Baps., the top team, and will need a lot more runs to be sure of victory. Being in fourth place, the Meths. need the points from this match.

B GRADE

North W'town Church of Christ at 3/86, with Mick Elley 22, should be able to compile a winning score against Yarraville Pres., to end their hopes of playing in the finals.

Maidstone Church of Christ, the bottom side, are 2/65, Boseley 18, Rushton 20 not out, and have started well against the top side, Paisley-st. Baps., but will need many more runs yet to be safe.

St. Stephen's appear to have the wood on Christ Church Newport, who are 6/45, Peter Webster 15. Graeme Clark did all the damage with 5/15.

C GRADE

Kingsville Baps., 6/77, Cass 36, Ray Booker 3/37, Peter McInnes 2/15, do not appear to have sufficient to avoid defeat at the hands of All Saints Footscray.

Tottenham Baps., 9/169, did not appear to notice that it was raining in the match against Ballarat-rd. Meths. K. Keeping made 67, J. McInnes 28, D. Just 18, A. McInnes took 4/44 and Mal Berryman 3/40. Hope these players did not get too wet.

Seddon/Yarraville Congs., at 4/45, look like they also may be in trouble against Newport Baps. who have been playing well lately, and need to win to keep in the four.

Play was abandoned in the match St. Eanswythe's Altona v. St. Andrew's Footscray because of the condition of the ground.

JUNIOR SECTIONS

Because of the steady rain all morning, no play was possible in any of the Junior fixtures.

AUSTRALIA DAY

The Association has selected six representative sides to play on Australia Day, Monday, Jan. 29.

Open Age teams will play at Geelong against the Geelong Churches, at Fearon Reserve, Williamstown; against Geelong Churches; and at Central Park, Malvern, against South-Suburban Churches.

An Under-21 team will play at Basil Park, Darling, against South Suburban Churches.

Two Under-16 teams will play against Geelong Churches, one in Geelong and one at the J. T. Gray Reserve, Williamstown.

Rotary to Launch National Road Safety Project

Rotary Clubs in Australia have already achieved a commendable record of service in various communities throughout the country—promoted on a regional community basis.

Now Rotary is about to embark on its first Australia-wide project, namely, Road Accident Prevention—A National Rotary Road Safety Week—which will earn the goodwill of all sections of the community throughout the nation.

This is in keeping with the high aims and objects of Rotary, one of which is: "Rotary should find a need in the community and do something about alleviating it."

The road accident problem in Australia affects all sections of the community in many ways: children, pedestrians, elderly citizens and motorists.

More than 3000 persons are killed on the roads each year and over 80,000 others injured, many seriously. The road toll is likely to continue to increase still further as more and more motor vehicles come on in our already crowded roads.

This gives some idea of the enormity of the continuously pressing social problem in our midst, and one which demands the attention of all sections of the community.

But while some sections of the community may be fully aware of the magnitude of the road accident problem, it requires influential leaders—like

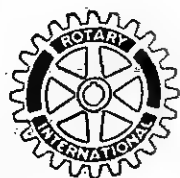
Rotarians—to assist in focusing public attention on this problem.

Last year, at the Adelaide conference of District Governors of Rotary, it was agreed that the road accident problem was a national tragedy demanding the support of Rotary on a national basis. The governors therefore agreed to recommend to clubs in their respective districts that they support a Rotary Road Safety Week as a National Project.

In effect, Rotary joins with the Australian Road Safety Council in a vital and all important community program of Teaching People How to Live With the Motor Car.

It is in this field of public education on the road accident problem—the dissemination of information—that Rotarians can do a great deal.

As managers of big factories or commercial undertakings, many Rotarians can display road safety publicity prominently in some part of the office or factory.



SERVICE BEFORE SELF

Following the success of the Rotary Road Safety project in Victoria in May, 1966, the District Governors throughout Australia are giving consideration to the following proposals:

- Seat Belts—Rotary to accept the responsibility of giving a lead by encouraging its members to fit and wear seat belts.
- High Visibility Clothing—Rotary to encourage the wearing of high visibility clothing, such as yellow raincoats, by families and employees.
- Speakers—Road Safety talks to Rotary Clubs by guest speakers to be arranged on the theme "Make Your District a Safe District."
- Courtesy Campaign—Rotary Clubs to assist in inculcating road courtesy, using a pamphlet outlining the main points on road safety with special application to local Rotary activities.
- Sponsoring district Road Safety Awards; and
- Supporting Road Safety supplements in local or metropolitan newspapers.

These are just a few of the many projects which could be undertaken by Rotary Clubs to "educate" the whole community into a better appreciation and understanding of the increasing hazards on our roads.

The choice of projects is wide, but any one of these schemes will greatly add to the impact on the public: make the Rotary National Road Safety Week a resounding success and add lustre to the Rotary movement.

Governors are also asked to recommend to their respective clubs that a road safety program of say 20 minutes duration be arranged in co-operation with State and Territorial Road Safety Councils at the 1968 conference of each Rotary District.

Activities for the Rotary Road Safety Week will be developed in conjunction with the State and Territorial Road Safety Councils.

Other projects which Rotary can undertake on a national basis are:

- Supporting Police Courtesy Rallies;

AUST. CITIZENSHIP CONVENTION

Mr. Don Woodcock, the zone leader for the Altona area of the Good Neighbour Council of Victoria, was a delegate at the annual Australian Citizenship Convention held in Canberra last week.

The convention was held at the Canberra-Rex Hotel, where President Johnson stayed during his official visit last year, and was sponsored by the Department of Immigration and brings together over 300 people from various organisations all over Australia which are actively concerned with migrants and their welfare.

The four-day convention was opened by His Excellency, the Governor-General, Lord Casey, and the delegates were also addressed at the sessions by the Minister of Immigration, Mr. B. M. Snedden, QC, MHR; the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Mr. L. H. Barnard, MHR.

The theme of the convention was "Twenty Years Past—The Years Ahead" and three papers, "The Questing Years," "Five Vital Years" and "Goals Ahead" were presented as working papers.

Delegates were addressed by prominent speakers on various aspects of the theme, took part in group discussions, and formulated ideas and suggestions which could be used as a guide to government in migration policy.

Among the aspects discussed were—

- Methods of encouraging migrants to Australia.
- Ways and means which would assimilate them more readily and so prevent the return home of some migrants.
- Bid to increase Australia's intake of Asian settlers.

The social side of the activities during the convention included a reception at Government House, during which each delegate was presented personally to Lord and Lady Casey; a reception given by Mr. Snedden and Mrs. Snedden at Parliament House; and a social event for Good Neighbour Council delegates at the Italo-Australian Club.

Mr. Woodcock said that attendance at the convention was of extreme interest and of infinite value and that he would be happy to speak about the important aspects and implications discussed to local community service organisations.



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 27:

Australia Day Dance

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SATURDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY:

PRESENTATION DANCE

SATURDAY, 10th FEBRUARY:

Specialty Night Dance

SUNDAY, 11th FEBRUARY:

Membership Meeting 10-30 a.m.

TUESDAY, 20th FEBRUARY:

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- 1.00 p.m.: Main Course — 118 Blyth Street, Altona.
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WHAT'S BITING?

Young Bill Shephard of 50 Romawi St., is the new leader in the competition for the largest flathead caught before the end of January.

Bill landed a 2 lb. 6 oz. flathead when fishing from the Altona Pier on Tuesday the 22nd January. He was using white-bait and his fish was 2 oz. heavier than the next largest fish.

The competition closes next week and a handsome prize of 500 yards of Nylon line donated

by Ken Kim Sports Store is the prize.

Good fishing is still continuing in the bay with fishermen having the choice of snapper, flathead, whiting, garfish and salmon trout, all being caught in good quantities.

SHARKS

Reports have come in of the large amount of shark in the bay at the present time.

By far the most numerous are the gummy and school shark and we publish below some information on these sharks which should be of interest to the local fishermen.

GUMMY SHARK also known as Sweet William.

EMMISSOLA (Günther 1870)

Description — The teeth are blunt and arranged as a pavement, each tooth is flattened and possesses an obscure transverse ridge. The upper labial fold is the longer. Spiracles are present.

The first to third gill slits are longer than the fourth and fifth. The dorsal fin originates above the inner angle of the pectoral. The coloration is ash-grey with some lighter spots on the back and upper parts anteriorly.

Biology — The gummy grows up to 3½ ft. in length. It is oviparous, having a structure like a placenta to nourish the embryos, of which there may be five to eight. The young are born in November and December, and are about 10½ inches long. The gummy feeds on crustaceans, worms and other invertebrates.

SCHOOL OR SNAPPER SHARK

Galeorhinus Australis.

Distribution — This fish is closely related to Soup Fin shark of the American West Coast, the top of England, and the Vaalbaai of South Africa.

Description — Snout transparent and rather long, equal to the width of the mouth. Teeth acute, coarsely serrated, depressed. Gill slits small, spiracle minute, nictitating membrane present.

First dorsal fin equidistant from pectoral and ventral fin; second dorsal and anal fin subequal. Ventral fin originating well behind the middle of the length. A characteristic double-tailed appearance of the caudal fin.

Males can be distinguished by rod-like claspers, one on either side of the vent.

Colour, from slaty-purple to light bluish-grey above, and much lighter below.

Length to over 6 feet, and weight up to 170 lbs. Female School Shark are found in sandy shallows at breeding season. It is viviparous, i.e., eggs develop inside the female until the litter of about 30 "pups" are produced.

The growth rate is rapid for the first few years, but slows down considerably as the shark approaches maturity.

Commercial catches are often predominantly of one sex, suggesting that in the off breeding season the adult sexes live in separate schools.

The School shark delights in biting the bodies off snapper (c. gutturalus) and other fish as anglers are hauling them in.

Distribution — From S.W. of Western Australia along the southern coast and up north as far as Lord Howe Island.

It occurs from the shallows down to 100 fathoms, and is most common from 50 to 60 fathoms. It also occurs in New Zealand.

Conservation of Shark — A regulation is now in force which prescribes a minimum length of 36 inches for school or snapper shark, and 24 inches for gummy shark.

Although the catch of shark is being maintained, there is considerable circumstantial evidence that all is not well with this fishery, and this is causing some concern.

The prescribing of minimum lengths for the two principal species of edible sharks is the first step towards the conservation of this fishery.

Due to the difference in minimum legal length, it is of interest to note the differences between the school or snapper shark and the gummy shark.

The liver of the school shark is richer in vitamin A than any other Australian shark so far tested. It is a valuable source of vitamin A1, 15,000 international units per gramme are present in school shark from Bass Strait. The figure is somewhat higher for males than for females, and is subject to considerable variation.

School and gummy shark are now very popular as food. The flesh is white and is sold under the name "flake."

Shark have no bones; the skeleton is of cartilage. Consequently the heads are used to demonstrate the vertebrate nervous system to students of Biology in schools and universities.

A double-headed shark is in the Fisheries and Game Laboratory. This occasionally is found and is due to incomplete cleavage of a fertilised egg.

Tidal Differences

Times given in hours and minutes show how much earlier or later than Port Phillip Heads are those places named.

	Name of Place	Earlier h. m.	Later h. m.
Western Port.	Cape Sank	1.38	—
	Flinders Jetty	0.01	—
	Cowes Jetty	—	0.28
	Newhaven Jetty	—	1.03
	Spit Point, French Island	—	1.15
	Stony Point Jetty	—	0.39
	Hastings Jetty	—	1.06
	Rutherford Creek	—	1.19
	Tooradin	—	1.23
	Bourchier Channel	—	1.28
Wilson's Prom.	Venus Bay, Entrance Anderson Inlet	—	0.10
	Inverloch	—	0.20
	Waratah Bay	—	0.13
	Glennie Islands	0.04	—
	Refuge Cove	—	0.16
Corner Inlet	Rabbit Island	—	0.25
	Corner Inlet Entrance	—	0.25
	Woolpool Jetty	—	1.28
Port Phillip Bay	Toora Jetty	—	1.05
	Bowen Wharf, Franklin River	—	1.09
	Benison Channel, Foster	—	1.14
	Port Albert Entrance (Main Channel)	—	0.10
	Port Albert Wharf	—	1.00
Port Phillip Bay	Lakes Entrance, Gippsland	3.25	—
	Snowy River Entrance, Marlo	3.22	—
	Mallacoota Inlet	3.13	—
	Gabo Island	3.13	—
	Apollo Bay	0.38	—
	Lorne	0.35	—
	Barwon Heads	—	0.16
	Port Phillip Heads	—	—
	Point Nepean Jetty	—	0.09
	Queenscliffe Jetty	—	0.03
Port Phillip Bay	Swan Island Dock	—	1.59
	Portsea Jetty	—	0.29
	Sorrento Jetty	—	2.11
	South Channel Pile Light	—	3.18
	Dromana Jetty	—	2.33
	Mornington Jetty (Schnapper Pt.)	—	2.42
	Frankston Jetty	—	3.07
	Black Rock Breakwater	—	3.02
	West Channel Pile Light	—	2.44
	St. Leonards Jetty	—	2.44
Port Phillip Bay	Indented Head	—	2.47
	Portarlington Jetty	—	2.50
	Hopetoun Channel, Geelong	—	3.21
	Geelong Wharves	—	3.32

The King George Whiting

Sillaginoides punctatus. King George or Spotted Whiting is the largest and most esteemed of the Australian Whittings both from the angling and domestic aspect.

The name "King George" Whiting is due to the fact the first samples to be described and named was taken from King George's Sound in Western Australia in 1829.

The most important Whiting in Australia are: The Sand Whiting (*Sillago ciliata*), the Trumpeter Whiting (*Sillago maculata*), Bass Whiting (*Sillago bassensis*).

The Whiting of the Northern Hemisphere, *Gadus melangus*, belongs to the Gadidae (Cod family). It is not comparable to the Australian Whiting as a sporting or table fish.

DESCRIPTION

The Spotted Whiting is readily distinguished by its trout-like markings or spots, particularly on the upper surface. It is longer than the other Whittings, and has smaller scales. Fish up to 20 inches long have been taken. Minimum legal length, 10½ in.

DISTRIBUTION

The King George and Spotted Whiting occurs over the lower half of the New South Wales coast and becomes more plentiful towards the Victorian border. It is found along the coast of Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia (Eucla to Geraldton).

HABITAT

The fish prefers shallow weedy areas.

METHOD OF CAPTURE

The fish is taken in the spring and summer months in seine nets and on the hand line.

In the winter the method used at such ports as Geelong and Portarlington is the set or mesh nets. In South Australia there is a valuable whiting hooking fishery.

Whiting is a good fishing fish, and provides sport using light gear with mussels as bait, Western Port, Swan Bay, and from St. Leonards around to Geelong are among the most popular angling centres in Victoria for Whiting.

BIOLOGY

The reproductive organs in Whiting are considerably different from those found in the more common fishes, and hence many fishermen truthfully admit never having seen Whiting in "spawn".

The roe is transparent to grey in colour. The male counterpart is black and about as thick as the lead of a pencil for the greater part of the summer.

Whiting are considered to have a fairly rapid growth rate. The flesh is white, firm, and easily digestible.

Whiting feed on polychaete worms.

A GOOD CARP BAIT

Mix half a cup of plain flour with half a cup of corn meal, adding a pinch of salt and sufficient water to make a workable dough.

Roll into a ball and drop into boiling water. Boil for about 20 minutes.

Remove from water and when cool cut into pieces small enough to fit neatly on a No. 6 hook.

If you have trouble keeping the bait on the hook, take a pinch of cotton wool and roll the dough well into it.

To prevent the dough from sticking to the bottom of the saucepan, place it on a sheet of oiled paper.

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Boil the minced-up head and entrails of a mullet in a pint of water and when cooked mix thoroughly with the bread-bran mixture.

If mixture is not sufficiently moist to enable you to roll it in-

to firm balls, add a little extra water. When mixed place in a plastic bag, closing the top with a strong elastic band.

When you arrive at your fishing spot, roll some of the mixture into balls and toss them into the area you intend to fish.

If there is a strong tide running, you may have to drop the berley into the stream some distance away from where you are fishing.

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